REMARKS

Reexamination and reconsideration of the application as amended are respectfully requested.

Claim 10 has been amended to more clearly distinguish from the Tuman et al. reference and to clarify some language.

Tuman obtains porosity, when desired, by having discrete islands of nonporous hook patches provided on a porous backing such as a nonwoven material. In contrast, the invention breathable hook fastener has a porous continuous film backing where the film has integral hook elements on the porous film backing. Tuman et al. does not teach or suggest a porous film backing with integral hooks formed on the film backing. For example, in Figure 2 of Tuman et al., the stems are on an integral film backing which is not porous. The Figure 2 film can break in the interregions 26 if the underlying web 20 is elastic. This could make a porous structure only if the elastic web 20 is porous but not one where the stems are integral with a porous film backing.

In view of the above, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be in order and such is respectfully requested.

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